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Town Warrant

and

School Warrant

1932

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the EIGHTH day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To chose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-large, Alternate Delegates-at-large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democrat and Republican parties, to be held for purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highway and bridges.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.

6. To see what action the Town will take with regard to State Aid construction, State Aid maintenance and Trunk Line maintenance.

7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Town hearse and snow roller.

8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to make ordinances and by-laws for managing and ordering the prudential affairs of the Town.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums as may be necessary in anticipation of Taxes.

10. To see if the Town will observe Old Home Day and appropriate money therefor or take any action thereon.

11. To see if the Town will approve a Town ordinance relating to observance of the Lord's Day.

Section 1. It shall be lawful on the Lord's Day, after one o'clock in the afternoon, to conduct, participate in or attend the games of baseball, football, hockey, golf, tennis, track athletics, or other games or sports, whether or not admission fees are charged thereto; and, after six o'clock in the afternoon, to conduct, participate in or attend concerts, lectures, theatrical vaudeville or motion picture performances, whether or not admission fees are charged thereto.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

12. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

13. To see how much money the Town will raise for statutory requirements and to carry the above Articles and the Appropriations of the School Meeting into effect.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES M. TAYLOR,

Selectmen of Bennington.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES M. TAYLOR,
Selectmen of Bennington.

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bennington, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fourth day of March 1932, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 13th day of February 1932.

GEORGE E. EDWARDS,
MARTHA L. WESTON,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE E. EDWARDS,
MARTHA L. WESTON,
School Board.

Budget of the Town of

BENNINGTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures

for the Ensuing Year

Jan. 31, 1932, to Jan. 31, 1933

Compared with Actual Revenue

and Expenditures of the

Previous Year

Jan. 31, 1931, to Jan. 31, 1932

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1931	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1932	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Insurance Tax	1 65	1 65		
Railroad Tax	101 28	101 28		
Savings Bank Tax	1016 62	1016 62		
For Fighting Forest Fires	20 00	20 00		
For Highways:				
(a) State Aid Maintenance	956 52	956 52		
(b) Trunk Line Maintenance	2188 37	2188 37		
Interest and Dividend Tax	1467 54	1467 54		
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	20 00	20 00		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	152 50	152 50		
FROM POLL TAXES:				
From other taxes except property taxes	576 00	576 00		
(a) National Bank Stock	2 00	2 00		
(b) 1931 tax, 1930 tax	282 90	706 44	423 54	
FROM STATE:				
(a) State Aid Highway Const.	1235 93	1235 93		
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes	5000 00			5000 00
Revenue Which Must be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions	140 08	140 08		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	13161 39	8584 93		
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	23536 82	23536 82		
TOTAL REVENUES	36698 21	32121 75		4576 46

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1931	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1932	Increase	Decrease
Current Maint. Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	753 00	753 00		
Town Officers Expenses	411 11	411 11		
Election and Registration Expenses	1 75	80 00	78 25	
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	813 62	613 62		200 00
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	167 14	75 00		92 14
Fire Department	708 40	408 40		300 00
Health:				
Health Department	4 61	4 61		
Vital Statistics	8 75	8 75		
State Aid Maintenance				
Highways and Bridges:				
State's Contribution	2116 39	2600 00	483 61	
Town's Contribution	1058 20	1300 00	241 80	
Trunk Line Maintenance				
State's Contribution	3454 83	2200 00		1254 83
Town's Contribution	1227 42	1100 00		127 42
Town Maintenance	2082 95	1800 00		282 95
Street Lighting	753 20	773 20	20 00	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	130 60	130 60		
Education:				
Libraries	275 00	250 00		25 00
Charities:				
Town Poor	89 77	500 00	410 23	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	150 00	150 00		

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1931	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1932	Increase	Decrease
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds	278 90			278 90
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	245 58			245 58
INTEREST:				
On Bonded Debt	411 14	571 14	160 00	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges				
State Aid Construction				
State's Contribution	1902 84	3970 04	2067 20	
Town's Contribution	1025 21	1985 02	959 81	
Fire truck	5000 00			5000 00
New Buildings	1217 13			1217 13
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt				
(a) Bonds		1000 00	1000 00	
(b) Long Term Notes	2000 00	2000 00		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes	2156 00	2156 00		
County Taxes	2481 73	2481 73		
Payments to School Districts	9115 15	9360 08	244 93	
			5665 83	9023 95
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40040 42	36682 30		3358 12

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

1.	Town officers' salaries	$ 800 00
2.	Town officers expenses	500 00
3.	Election and registration expenses	20 00
4.	Municipal court expenses	20 00
5.	Town hall	900 00
6.	Police department	172 00
7.	Fire department	494 00
9.	Health department	94 00
10.	Vital statistics	15 00
11.	State Aid maintenance	1,400 00
12.	State Aid construction	1,411 50
13.	Trunk Line maintenance	1,400 00
15.	Town maintenance	1,800 00
17.	Engine House (new)	600 00
18.	Snow removal	150 00
19.	Street lighting	750 00
20.	General expenses of highway dept.	180 00
24.	Lands and buildings, Town Clock	30 00
26.	Libraries	250 00
27.	Town poor	20 00
28.	Memorial Day	150 00
29.	Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts	200 00
31.	Cemeteries	200 00
33.	Interest	430 00
34.	Payments on Principal of Debt	2,000 00
35.	State Tax	2,500 00
36.	County Tax	2,481 73
37.	School Tax	9,000 00
	Total Town and School Appropriations	$27,948 23

Town of Bennington **BALANCE**

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$3,830 39
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(a) Joint Highway Accounts, Unexpended Balances in State Treasury	1,066 04
Other bills due Town:	
(a) Taxes bought by Town	133 10
Taxes not collected:	
(a) Levy of 1931	706 44
(b) Levy of 1930	5 98
Water rents due town	48 35
TotalAssets	$5,770 30
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	$11,379 77
GRAND TOTAL	$17,150 07

Net Debt, January 31, 1931	$9,431 00
Net Debt, January 31, 1932	11,379 77
Increase of debt	1,948 77

Purpose for which debt was created:
New Bridge, New Fire Truck.

SHEET **January 31, 1932**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to Precinct Water Works	$1,558 59
Due to School Department:	
(a) Dog licenses	140 08
(b) Balance of Appropriation	4,000 00
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
(a) Unexpended balance in State Treasury	1,066 04
(b) Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	533 02
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
New Bridge	4,852 34
Bonds Outstanding:	
Fire Truck	5,000 00
Total Liabilities	$17,150 07
GRAND TOTAL	$17,150 07

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Lands and Buildings		$326,345 00
Electric Plants		80,000 00
Horses	32	2,805 00
Asses and Mules	1	75 00
Oxen	2	275 00
Cows	96	10,380 00
Other Neat Stock	4	170 00
Sheep	73	730 00
Fowls	1325	1,325 00
Portable Mills	4	400 00
Wood, Lumber, etc. (Pub. Laws, Ch. 61, s. 11)		320 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5	875 00
Stock in Trade		224,286 00
Mills and Machinery		320,600 00
3. Polls Number 322 at $2, Total poll taxes	$644 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2 00	
Total Valuation		$968,586 00
5. Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes and national bank stock taxes		$24,182 82
6. Average rate per cent of taxation for all purposes		$24 30
8. Amount exempted to soldiers		$1,500 00

ARTHUR J. PIERCE,
HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES M. TAYLOR,
Selectmen of Bennington.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Description	Value
1.	Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$10,000 00
	Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
2.	Libraries, Lands and Buildings	5,100 00
	Furniture and Equipment	500 00
3.	Police Department, Land and Buildings	400 00
	Equipment	100 00
4.	Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,200 00
	Equipment	7,500 00
5.	Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	300 00
	Equipment	500 00
7.	Water Supply, if owned by Town	20,000 00
8.	Schools, Lands and Buildings	40,000 00
	Equipment	5,000 00
	TOTAL	$92,200 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1931

34 Male dogs licensed @ $2.00	$68 00
13 Spayed female dogs licensed @ $2.00	26 00
12 Female dogs licensed @ $5.00	60 00
	$154 00
Less Clerk's fees	11 80
	$142 20
Paid for dog tags	2 12
Paid Town Treasurer	$140 08
Number of automobile permits issued, 155	
Paid Town Treasurer for same	$833 28
Total amount paid Town Treasurer for calendar year	$973 36

For Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1932

Paid Town Treasurer for dog tax	$140 08
Paid Town Treasurer for automobile permits	
From Jan. 31, 1931 to Dec. 31, 1931	414 70
From Jan. 1, 1932 to Jan. 31, 1932	444 76
Total amount paid Town Treasurer for fiscal year	$999 54

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. SMITH,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Amount of Taxes given Collector 1931	$23,536 82
Rate of Taxation $24.30 on $1,000.00	
Poll taxes, 322 at $2.00	644 00
National Bank Tax	2 00
Uncollected taxes for 1930	296 88
	$24,479 70
Amount paid Treasurer by Collector	$23,382 52
Unpaid Taxes for 1930	13 98
Unpaid Taxes for 1931	638 44
Unpaid Poll Taxes 1931	68 00
2% discount on taxes 1931	376 76
	$24,479 70

Unpaid Taxes 1930

John Day	$3 98	
Marion Piper	2 00	
Ralph Shaw, abated	2 00	
Fred Lacy, abated	2 00	
Edward Lacy, abated	2 00	
Frank Reed, abated	2 00	
		$13 98

Unpaid Taxes 1931

Herbert Lindsay	$57 09
Jose Cuddemie	32 88
Charles Cole	4 86
Charles Durgin	116 27
Harry Eldredge	8 99
George Edes	12 76
Mary B. Favor, Est.	72 90
Harry B. Favor	5 15
Abbie Hanslie	24 30

Frances Harrington	19 44	
William Keriazis	45 03	
Eileen Newhall	125 15	
Lillian Newton	1 22	
Edgar Sturtevant	4 25	
Nettie Sturtevant	29 16	
Harry Dorr	19 44	
William A. Nichols	7 29	
Fred A. Proctor	7 29	
Carl W. Perkins	1 22	
Charles Richardson	1 22	
William Thompson	6 08	
Walden Knife Co.	36 45	
		$638 44

Unpaid Poll Taxes 1931

Kenneth Ashford	2 00
Sut Belcher	2 00
Charles Cole	2 00
Grace Cole	2 00
Ivon Clough	2 00
Rachel Day	2 00
Gordon Dickie	2 00
Charles W. Durgin	2 00
Mary A. Edes	2 00
George Edes	2 00
Leonise Favor	2 00
Harry B. Favor	2 00
Asa French	2 00
Raymond French	2 00
Maurice G. Fournier	2 00
Abbie Hanslie	2 00
Frances Harrington	2 00
William Harrington	2 00
Arthur Harrison	2 00
Ruth Harrison	2 00
Arthur Korkounis	2 00
Mrs. A. Korkounis	2 00
George McKay	2 00
Leona McKay	2 00
Joseph Mallett	2 00

Mary A. Mallett	2 00	
Lillian Newton	2 00	
Eileen Newhall	2 00	
Olin Newhall	2 00	
Homer Piper	2 00	
Edgar Sturtevant	2 00	
Nettie Sturtevant	2 00	
Maurice Wilson	2 00	
Clyde Wilson	2 00	
		$68 00
		$706 44

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Detail No. 1—Property Taxes

James H. Balch, 1931 taxes	$22,521 62	
		$22,521 62

Detail No. 2—Poll Taxes

James H. Balch, 1931 Poll Taxes, 288 @ $2.00		$576 00

Detail No. 3—Property and Poll Taxes 1930

James H. Balch, 1930 Taxes	$282 90	
		$282 90

Detail No. 4—National Bank Taxes

James H. Balch, Bank Tax		$2 00
Loan & Trust Savings Bank, redeemed Harry Favor taxes	49 95	
		$49 95

Detail No. 5—Highways

State Treasurer:		
(a) State Aid Maintenance	$956 52	
(b) State Aid Construction	1,235 93	
(c) State Trunk Line Maintenance	2,188 37	
		$4,380 82

Detail No. 6—Interest and Dividend Tax

State Treasurer	$1,467 54	$1,467 54

Detail No. 7—Insurance Tax

State Treasurer	$1 65	$1 65

Detail No. 8—Railroad Tax

State Treasurer	$101 28	$101 28

Detail No. 9—Savings Bank Tax

State Treasurer	$1,016 62	$1,016 62

Detail No. 11—Forest Fires

State Treasurer	$20 00	$20 00

Detail No. 12—Bounties

State Treasurer, Hedgehogs	$5 00	$5 00

Detail No. 13—County Poor

County Treasurer	$223 16	$223 16

Detail No. 15—Dog Licenses

Charles H. Smith	$140 08	$140 08

Detail No. 16—Business Licenses and Permits

William Keriazis, 2 Pool Tables	$20 00	$20 00

Detail No. 18—Rent of Town Hall

P. J. Shea, rents	$152 50	$152 50

Detail No. 23—Water Works

Walter E. Wilson, water rents	$1,429 09	$1,429 09

Detail No. 25—Registration of Motor Vehicles

Charles H. Smith, 1931 permits	$414 70	
Charles H. Smith, 1932 permits	444 76	
		$859 46

Detail No. 28—Long Term Notes During Year

First National Bank, Hillsboro Fire Engine	$5,000 00	$5,000 00

Detail No. 32—Refunds

Lawrence J. Parker, Memorial Day Balance	$27 88	
D. E. McCann's Sons, board bill	12 00	
Town of Antrim, lawn roller	4 32	
E. Goodwin, manhole covers	7 44	
L. J. Parker, lawn roller	4 15	
Town of Hancock, lawn roller	4 30	
Town of Greenfield, lawn roller	4 32	
George E. Edwards, forest fire	11 50	
		$75 91

Detail No. 35—Property Sold

Town of Antrim, old scraper	$35 00	
Mollie Cody, cement	1 60	
		$36 60
		$38,362 18

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	$753 00
2. Town officers' expenses	411 11
3. Election and registration expenses	1 75
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	813 62

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps	167 14
7. Fire department, including forest fires	708 40
9. Bounties	5 00

Health:

11. Health department, including hospitals	4 61
12. Vital statistics	8 75

Highways and Bridges:

Unemployed fund	999 96
14. State Aid maintenance including snow removal	1,791 37
15. Trunk Line maintenance including snow removal	2,556 15

16. Town maintenance	2,082 95	
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	753 20	
18. General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	130 60	
Libraries:		
19. Libraries	275 00	
Charities:		
20. Town poor	89 77	
21. County poor	221 16	
Patriotic Purposes:		
22. Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	150 00	
Recreation:		
24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	278 90	
Public Service Enterprises:		
25. Water Works	1,679 02	
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	245 58	
Unclassified:		
29. Taxes bought by town	159 81	
31. Automobile Fees	38 75	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$14,325 60
Interest:		
33. Paid on long term notes	411 14	
Total interest Payments		$411 14

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

36. Highways and Bridges State Aid Const.	$2,261 30	
42. Lands and buildings (New Fire House)	1,217 13	
43. New equipment (Fire truck)	5,000 00	
Total Outlay Payments		$8,478 43

Indebtedness:

45. Payments on long term notes	$2,000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		$2,000 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

50. Taxes paid to State	$2,156 00	
51. Taxes paid to County	2,481 73	
53. Payments to School Districts, including dog tax	9,115 15	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		$13,752 88
Total Payments for all purposes		$38,968 05
Cash on hand, January 31, 1932		3,830 39
GRAND TOTAL		$42,798 44

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated February 17, 1932.

CHAS. M. TAYLOR,
HARRY W. BROWN,
Selectmen.
ARTHUR F. BELL,
Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1931	$23,536 82	
Less discount and abatement, 1931	376 76	
Less uncollected, 1931	638 44	
1. Property taxes current year, actually collected	23,382 62	
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 288 @ $2.00	576 00	
3. Property and poll taxes, previous years actually collected	282 90	
4. National Bank Stock taxes	2 00	
Total of above collections		$23,382 52
Tax sales redeemed		49 95

From State:

5. For Highways and Bridges:	
(a) For State Aid Maint.	$ 956 52
(b) For State Aid Const.	1,235 93
(c) For Trunk Line Maint.	2,188 37
6. Interest and dividend tax	1,467 54
7. Insurance tax	1 65
8. Railroad tax	101 28
9. Savings bank tax	1,016 62

11. Fighting forest fires	20 00	
12. Bounties	5 00	
From County:		
13. For support of poor	223 16	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
15. Dog licenses	140 08	
16. Business licenses and permits	20 00	
18. Rent of town property	152 50	
23. Income from departments, Water Works	1,429 09	
25. Registration of motor vehicles, 1931 Permits	414 70	
1932 Permits	444 76	
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$33,249 67
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
29. Bond issues during year		$5,000 00
32. Refunds		75 91
35. Property sold		36 60
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		$5,112 51
Total Receipts From All Sources		$38,362 18
Cash on hand February 1, 1931		4,436 26
GRAND TOTAL		$42,798 44

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

PAYMENTS

Detail I—Town Officers' Salaries

Charles M. Taylor, Selectman	$165 00	
Harry W. Brown, Selectman	165 00	
Arthur F. Bell, Treasurer	150 00	
Charles H. Smith, Town Clerk	75 00	
James H. Balch, Tax Collector	150 00	
Paul Chiesa, Auditor	5 00	
Lawrence J. Parker, Auditor	5 00	
Henry W. Wilson, Supervisor	4 00	
George E. Edwards, Moderator	4 00	
Henry W. Wilson, Health Officer	15 00	
Henry W. Wilson, Overseer of poor	15 00	
		$753 00

Detail II—Town Officers' Expenses

Charles M. Taylor, Stamps	$5 85
Automotive Ser. Bureau reprints	35 76
Contoocook Valley Tel. Co., Telephone	19 60
Antrim Reporter, Town Reports and printing	190 33
Henry W. Wilson, Officers bonds	77 20
Edson Eastman Co., Supplies	33 87
Bennington Garage, Auto for inventory	10 00
Charles M. Taylor, Expenses Tax Meeting and supplies	12 20
A. W. Rowell, Assessors dues	2 00

Frieda Edwards, Stamps	70	
James H. Balch, Stamps and property sales	6 50	
Charles H. Smith, Expenses Clerk's Meeting	6 00	
J. Madison Howe, collectors supplies	8 20	
James H. Balch, stamps	2 90	
		$411 11

Detail III—Election and Registration

Mray E. Sargent, dinners	$1 75	$1 75

Detail V—Town Hall

J. B. Baldwin, labor and supplies	$4 60	
New Hampshire Power Co., lights	67 11	
P. J. Shea, care of hall	105 45	
National Roofing Co., repairing roof	137 00	
James Elliott, coal	15 59	
Paul Traxler, labor on lights	4 60	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	32 99	
Chas. E. Trask, grading yard	116 34	
Henry W. Wilson, Insurance	145 50	
John B. Varick, supplies	12 00	
William F. Clark, labor and supplies	11 37	
J. F. Miles, labor	5 25	
T. A. Piper, tuning piano	4 00	
P. J. Shea, labor	19 20	
Fred A. Thompson, supplies	22 62	
Monadnock Paper Mills, coal	110 00	
		$813 62

Detail VI—Police Department

New Hampshire Power Co., lights	$12 50
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	6 00
Harry S. Dunbar, shingles	3 60
John B. Varick, shingles	37 12
Todds Express, express	4 50
Harry W. Brown, labor	31 63
O. M. & L. J. Parker, lumber	3 36
P. J. Shea, police duty	4 00
Lawrence J. Parker, wood	6 50

Harry W. Brown, police duty	5 00	
Fred A. Knight, feed for tramps and supplies	33 53	
Monadnock Paper Mills, paint and supplies	19 40	
		$167 14

Detail VII—Fire Department

Harry S. Dunbar, labor and supplies	$21 40
Arthur Blanchard Co., soda, acid and syphon	49 87
New Hampshire Power Co., lights	16 57
J. F. Miles, labor	57 14
James A. Elliott, coal	28 27
Theodore Call, fire payroll	5 00
Howard Chase, forest fire meeting	4 75
Herbert Curtis, forest fire meeting	4 75
Lawrence J. Parker, forest fire meeting	5 30
Henry George, forest fire meeting	5 30
Henry W. Wilson, forest fire meeting	19 90
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	88 88
John B. Varick, ladder	8 10
American LaFrance Co., holders	24 67
P. J. Shea, care of engine house	45 50
Perley Bartlett, labor	1 20
John B. Varick, ¾″ hose	4 95
George McKay, labor	1 50
Herbert Lindsay, labor and supplies (chemical)	74 07
Boston Badge Co., badges	27 10
Joe Diemond, testing hydrants	1 00
Perley Bartlett, testing hydrants	1 00
Antrim Garage, testing chemical	1 53
P. J. Shea, payrolls for fires	47 00
J. B. Varick, supplies	37 99
Harry W. Brown, labor	10 45
P. J. Shea, yearly payroll	46 50
W. J. Clark, labor and supplies	9 20
Harry S. Dunbar, care of fire engine	30 00
H. W. Wilson, payroll, G. E. Edwards fire	11 50
Fred Thompson, weather cap	1 00
Fred A. Knight, supplies	6 21

Monadnock Paper Mills, supplies	10 80	
		$708 40

Detail IX—Bounties

Charles M. Taylor, hedgehogs	$5 00	$5 00

Detail XI—Health Department

Henry W. Wilson, expenses	$4 61	$4 61

Detail XII—Vital Statistics

C. B. Abbott, M.D., returning birth	$ 50	
Charles H. Smith, recording deaths and births	8 25	
		$8 75

Detail XIV—State Aid Maintenance

Lawrence J. Parker, payroll	$750 95	
E. Goodwin, payroll	563 90	
L. Dufrain, payroll	97 84	
George Merchant, posts and rails	16 00	
Lawrence J. Parker, snow removal	155 73	
Hafelie & Santere, snow removal	127 00	
A. H. Todd, snow removal	79 75	
		$1,791 37

Detail XV—Trunk Line Maintenance

Lawrence J. Parker, payroll	$773 67	
Robert N. Munhall, payroll	48 83	
E. Goodwin, payroll	712 08	
L. Dufrain, payroll	131 53	
George Merchant, lumber	98 66	
Charles E. Trask, payrolls	682 65	
Hafelie & Santere, snow removal	14 00	
Lawrence J. Parker, snow removal	94 73	
		$2,556 15
Lawrence J. Parker, unemployment fund	$999 96	$999 96

Detail XVI—Town Maintenance

Leon Messer, payrolls	$363 16	
George Holmes, payrolls	1,041 26	
William Taylor, payrolls	389 80	
Lawrence J. Parker, sanding	8 44	
Barney McAllister, cutting brush	5 20	
Charles Patten, tar	104 10	
Arthur J. Pierce, paid out	47 70	
Lawrence J. Parker, payroll	41 09	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	10 95	
Monadnock Paper Mills, snow removal	71 25	
		$2,082 95

Detail XVII—Street Lighting

New Hampshire Power Co., lights	$753 20	$753 20

Detail XVIII—General Expenses

Concord Foundry, manhole covers	$19 94	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight and signs	8 99	
Emma Joslin, town clock C. F. Burnham	7 50	
John B. Varick, lawn roller	16 50	
Frank Traxler, care of lawns	42 12	
Todds Express, express	16 05	
Arnold Logan, care of clock	7 50	
Sarah Bartlett, board for McCann's driver	12 00	
		$130 60

Detail XIX—Library

Henry W. Wilson, appropriation	$250 00	
National Roofing Co., repairing roof	25 00	
		$275 00

Detail XX—Town Poor

N. F. Chever, M.D., Atwood case	6 00
James A. Elliott, coal, M. Gordon	27 52

L. J. Parker, wood, M. Gordon	16 00	
Henry W. Wilson, Atwoods rent	36 00	
Fred A. Knight, supplies, M. Gordon	2 85	
Henry W. Wilson, expenses	1 40	
		$89 77

Detail XXI—County Poor

Nettie Sturtevant, care of Underwood child	$111 10	
Henry W. Wilson, transporting Frances Murry to Grassmere	8 80	
Jay H. Corliss, transfer of Frances Murry from Concord to Lynn, Mass. and expenses	17 85	
Fred A. Knight, supplies for Underwood child	4 75	
G. D. Tibbetts, M.D., Lyman Parker case	3 00	
Henry W. Wilson, conveying Lyman Parker to Grassmere and shoes for R. Underwood	9 40	
Jay H. Corliss, conveying R. Underwood to Leominster, Mass. and expenses	20 66	
Henry W. Wilson, conveying W. Harringtons children to Grassmere hospital	17 60	
G. D. Tibbetts, M.D., Parker and Underwood cases	28 00	
		$221 16

Detail XXII—Patriotic Purposes

Lawrence J. Parker, Memorial Day	$150 00	$150 00

Detail XXIII—Playgrounds

Charles E. Trask, grading schoolyard	$273 05	
George Holmes, grading schoolyard	5 85	
		$278 90

Detail XXIV—Cemeteries

Anne Philbrick, appropriation	$200 00	
Harry W. Brown, repairing hearse house	9 90	
John B. Varick, shingles	23 68	
Henry W. Wilson, paid out, cleaning stones	12 00	
		$245 58

Detail XXV—Water Works

Barney McAllister, labor	$27 20
Andrew Cleary, labor	27 20
Edward Newton, labor	38 80
Ivon Clough, labor	5 60
P. J. Shea, labor	14 60
Roy Davidson, labor	44 00
Robert Powers, labor	9 20
William Cashion, labor	41 60
Arthur Harrison, labor	51 20
Arthur Everhart, labor	18 00
Paul Cody, labor	18 00
Tim Sullivan, labor	30 80
Walter Smith, labor	41 60
Eugene Scarbo, labor	41 60
Theodore Call, labor	16 40
Maurice Newton, labor	18 40
Frank Wilson, labor	16 40
Lennox Braid, labor	17 00
William Powers, labor	10 80
J. H. Holt, labor	64 80
Stephen Chase, labor	1 65
George McKay, labor	32 00
George Gilman, labor	7 20
Jose Cuddemi, labor	8 80
William Heath, labor	14 00
Joe Diemond, labor	3 60
Arnold Cossetti, labor	14 40
Leon Messer, labor	27 20
James Cashion, labor	57 80
George Ross, labor	45 60
Mueller Co., Inc., tapping machine and pipe	518 03

Olin Newhall, truck	6 05	
William F. Clark, supplies	4 24	
Walter E. Wilson, labor and supplies	258 43	
Hillsboro Water Works, supplies	4 04	
Emma Joslin, pipe	6 10	
L. J. Parker, lumber	1 11	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	11 97	
Walter E. Wilson, Supt. and Collector	100 00	
Harry W. Brown, labor	3 60	
		$1,679 02

Detail XXXI—Automobile Fees

Charles H. Smith, Auto Fees	$38 75	$38 75

Detail XXIX—Taxes bought by Town

James H. Balch, Sale of unpaid taxes	$159 81	$159 81

Detail XXXII—Interest

Monadnock Paper Mills, Interest on budget note	$411 14	$411 14

Detail XXXVI—State Aid Construction

Charles E. Trask, payroll	$2,245 30	
J. A. Casey, care of roller	16 00	
		$2,261 30

Detail XXXV—Land and Buildings

Fire House

Robert Powers, labor	$6 60
J. H. Holt, labor	8 00
Leon Messer, team	5 60
Perley Warren, truck	8 00
Lawrence J. Parker, lumber	10 26
William Cashion, labor	6 50
William F. Clark, supplies	7 83
Harry Brown, Jr., labor	53 20

John B. Varick, supplies	20 10	
Hopkins Bro. & Belcher, cement	41 30	
Harry W. Brown, labor	85 78	
David Whiting & Sons, lumber and tile	289 13	
Charles E. Trask, payroll	257 52	
O. M. & L. J. Parker, lumber	12 08	
George McKay, labor	41 40	
William Heath, labor	13 80	
Sidney Huntington, labor	117 30	
Walter Wilson, labor and supplies	215 18	
Stephen Chase, labor	17 55	
		$1,217 13

Detail XXXVI—New Equipment

D. E. McCann's Sons, fire truck	$5,000 00	$5,000 00

Detail XXXVIII—Long Term Notes

Monadnock Paper Mills, payment on note, bridge	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

Detail XXXIX—State and County Taxes

Charles Patten, State Tax	$2,156 00	
Alvin Lucier, County Tax	2,481 73	
		$4,637 73

Detail XL

Margaret Taylor, School money and Dog Tax	$9,115 15	$9,115 15
		$38,968 05

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Rents	Janitor's Fees
Balance January 1931	$21 10	
February	31 50	$17 75
March	28 70	21 00
April	5 40	3 75
May	3 00	6 15
June		5 75
July	1 00	1 00
August		
September		1 25
October	3 00	2 25
November	5 00	9 50
December	31 80	19 55
January	22 00	17 50
	$152 50	$105 45

PATRICK J. SHEA,

Janitor.

TOWN MAINTENANCE HIGHWAYS

George Holmes, Payrolls

George Holmes	$173 55	
George Ross	115 60	
Maurice Fournier	57 20	
Harry Dorr	46 66	
Perley Warren	117 46	
Congregational Church	9 00	
Harry Favor	16 25	
L. W. Dorr	3 60	
John Smiley	39 20	
D. Newhall	12 22	
Oliver Avery	3 60	
Eugene Scarbo	39 20	
Barney McAllister	6 40	
George Edes	3 10	
Robert Handy	34 23	
William Taylor	140 88	
Olin Newhall	103 33	
James H. Balch	4 00	
Andrew Cleary	15 00	
Mrs. Woods	14 50	
Nettie Sturtevant	2 75	
O. L. Achabale	4 25	
Fred Knight	2 15	
E. French	30 00	
James Colby	2 50	
Henry George	2 50	
Walter Smith	8 40	
A. R. Sheldon	8 40	
James Lorette	25 33	
		$1,041 26

Leon Messer, Payrolls

Leon Messer	$73 06	
Monadnock Paper Mills	271 50	
Eugene Scarbo	2 00	
George Ross	3 40	
Maurice Fournier	11 60	
John Smiley	1 60	
		$363 16

William Taylor, Payrolls

William Taylor	$147 20	
Walter O. Smith	16 00	
J. Fred Miles	66 20	
J. Church	7 20	
Frances Dary	57 80	
Edward Newton	30 80	
Herbert Curtis	31 20	
Eugene Scarbo	26 20	
Maurice Newton	7 20	
		$389 80

Lawrence J. Parker, Payrolls

Lawrence J. Parker	$29 53	
Herbert Wilson	6 80	
Maurice Fournier	4 00	
Roy Davidson	1 60	
A. R. Sheldon	5 20	
John Atwood	2 40	
		$49 53
Barney McAllister, cutting brush	$5 20	
Charles Patten, tar	104 10	
Arthur J. Pierce, paid out	47 70	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	10 95	
Monadnock Paper Mills, snow	71 25	
		$239 20
		$2,082 95

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

During the past year, the fire company has been called to ten fires, seven chimney, two forest and one property fire, with a total loss of $600.00. The company moved into their new quarters in December and have the following equipment: a 500 gallon McCann pumper; one 70 gallon chemical, fully equipped with 1400 feet of rubber lined hose, ladder, etc, all in first class shape.

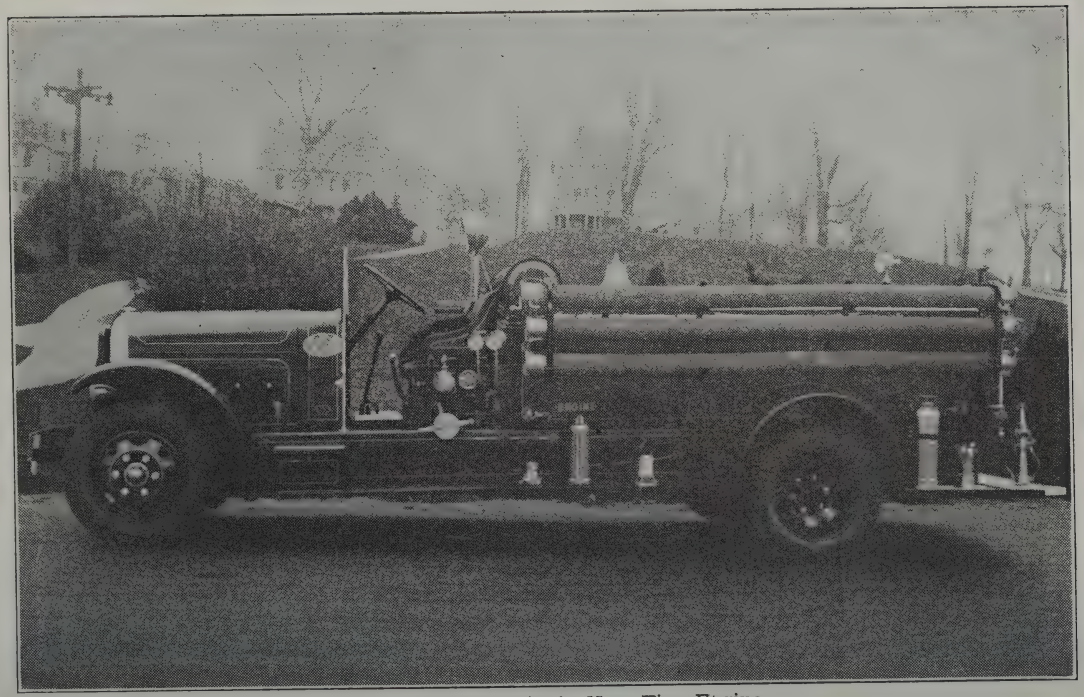
Fire Alarm

6 Blows for fire
2 Blows for test, 1 o'clock Sat. P. M.
1 Blow for fire meeting first Monday of the month, 6.45 P. M.
1 Blow, water to be shut off

In Case of Fire

Pull down hook in box, on front of Town Hall or call telephone No. 16-4.

HARRY S. DUNBAR, Chief
FRED SHELDON
HENRY W. WILSON
Fire Wardens.



Town of Bennington's New Fire Engine

BENNINGTON'S NEW FIRE ENGINE

After much investigating concerning the merits of different makes of machines, our Committee recommended the purchase of a McCann outfit; and on their recommendation the Town purchased this Fire Engine as herewith illustrated.

It is a McCann outfit, with Continental motor; a fine combination truck and engine, a powerful machine, well equipped and easily handled. It was purchased of parties in Portland, Maine, and the price of everything complete was $5,000, and our Town is proud of this new piece of fire apparatus. It is housed in new quarters under the Town House, especially fitted for it.

Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, January 31, 1932

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162. Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int't %	Income During Year	Expended During Year
1916	T. Trust Funds, A A Ramsey	Manchester Savings Bank	$ 600 00	5	31 13	
1927	A Symonds, cem fd, A M Symonds	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	400 00	4	20 48	4 00
1927	S Abbott " A A Peavey	" " "	200 00	4	8 32	
1906	G A Whittem'e " G A Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	4	16 83	
1919	C R Whittem'e " C R Whittemore	" "	100 00	4	5 57	
1922	H Dinsmore " Mabel Bryant	" "	100 00	4	5 37	
1923	John D Butler " Mary B Jameson	" "	225 00	4	12 10	
1927	Royal V Knight " Scott W Knight	" "	150 00	4	7 46	
1923	J D&M Butler, L. fd, J D&M Butler	" "	1000 00	4	46 41	
1929	Lizzie M Holt. cem fd, Lizzie M Holt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	5	10 37	
1928	Wm Keith " William Keith	" "	100 00	5	5 31	
1928	Harriet Kimball " C H Philbrick	" "	50 00	5	2 63	
1928	A F Philbrick " C H Philbrick	" "	100 00	5	5 07	
1928	C H Philbrick " C H Philbrick	" "	200 00	5	10 17	
1928	David W Bell " Car'e Crombie	" "	100 00	5	5 31	
1905	A M Woodbury " A M Woodbury	" "	200 00	5	11 11	
1906	H P Ramsey " Anna Ramsey	" "	200 00	5	10 66	
1913	G L Herrick " G L Herrick Est	" "	200 00	5	15 22	
1914	Mrs A D Green " Mrs A D Green	" "	200 00	5	14 64	
1914	Mrs C M Whitney " Mrs C M Whitney	" "	200 00	5	14 29	

With exception of $4.00 noted above all other turned over to Cemetery and Library Trustees.

1914	A A Ramsey, cem. fd,	A A Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank		1766 00	5	90 20	Same as in above table
1915	C J Kimball "	CJKimball heirs	"	"	150 00	5	7 96	
1916	W S Carkin "	W S Carkin	"	"	332 00	5	17 68	
1917	A W Gray "	A W Gray	"	"	100 00	5	5 31	
1918	W H Darrah "	Mrs S Darrah	"	"	50 00	5	2 63	
1921	Ed I Dodge "	A M Dodge	"	"	100 00	5	5 43	
1923	Cal'n S Brown "	Calvin S Brown	"	"	100 00	5	6 01	
1925	Wm L Taylor "	Addie T Carter	"	"	100 00	5	5 53	
1919	Ann M Eaton "	Ann M Eaton	4¼ Gold Bond of 1932–1947		100 00	4¼	4 25	
1929	Luke Burt "	Sarah Burt est	Amoskeag Savings Bank		50 00	5	2 54	
1929	C F Manahan "	C F Manahan	"	"	100 00	5	5 07	
1930	Mary Knowles "	Philip Knowles	"	"	100 00	5	3 78	

ARTHUR J. PIERCE
FRANK G. TRAXLER
FRIEDRIKA L. EDWARDS
} Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N H. From January 31, 1931, to January 31, 1932

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Brought From	Place of Interment
	Yrs.	Mo.	Ds.				
Martha J Bartlett	90	10	6	February 17	Influenza		Bennington
John R Saunders	79	10	23	April 13	Cancer of stomach		Bennington
George L Newhall	69	11	1	May 4	Chronic dif. nephritis		Antrim
Charles F Burnham	72	5	22	July 7	Suicide by firearm		Bennington
Carnig Eksergian	72			August 15	Angenia pectoris		Cambridge, Mass.
Baby Traxler				September 18	Stillborn		Peterborough
James R Ross	79	5	18	November 19	Chronic ulcer of stomach		Bennington
Irene M Church	1	8	16	January 7, '32	Encephalitis		Bellows Falls, Vt.
Kate Truman	69	8	27	May 31	Cardia reusl.	Leechville, N Carolina	
Mary S W Carkin	76			October 30	Endocarditis	Concord	
George Dorr	81	11	11	December 11	Capillary bronchitis	Grasmere	
Rose C Work	67	10	25	December 23	Carcinoma of vuloa	Lowell, Mass.	
Report of Sexton of Mount Calvary Cemetery							
Elizabeth Piper	84	4	5	April 13	Chronic myocarditis	Grasmere	
Francis P McGrath	17	3	6	May 7	Chronic endocarditis		Peterborough
Robert Rogerson	55			August 10	Depressed fracture		Turners Falls, Mass.
Ellen White	74	3	19	December 26	Arterio sclerosis	Grasmere	

Respectfully submitted, FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

Cash on hand February 1, 1931	$40 55
Received from Maude Handy, for lot	5 00
Received from Town Treasurer, for Benjamin Whittemore lot	12 00
Received from Trustees of Trust Fund	281 05
	$338 60

Paid Out

Paid F. G. Traxler, labor	$90 95
Paid H. E. Wilson, sharpening lawn mowers	6 00
Paid A. E. Holt, for seeds and fertilizer	20 10
Paid L. J. Parker, for loam	15 00
Paid Leon Messer, for team	7 00
Paid J. B. Ingram, for markers	16 00
Paid E. A. Newton, for labor	10 14
Paid A. D. Avery, for labor	11 67
Paid S. S. Clement, for cleaning stones Whittemore lot	12 00
Paid F. A. Knight, for tools	4 10
Paid H. W. Wilson, for labor	37 20
Paid H. W. Wilson, for secretary and treasurer	5 00
Cash on hand February 1, 1932	103 44
	$338 60

HENRY W. WILSON,
Treasurer.

HENRY W. WILSON,
FRANK TRAXLER,
J. PRENTIS WESTON,
Trustees.

REPORT OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Cash on hand from 1930 fund	$ 18 70
Deposited May 29, 1931	200 00
	$218 70
Paid June 16. W. O. Smith, labor	66 80
Paid June 16. Rodney Woodman, flowers	8 75
Paid June 18. W. O. Smith, labor	10 00
Paid June 24. Eugene Scarbo, labor	71 60
Paid Oct. 19. Geo. McKay, trimming trees	2 50
Paid Oct. 20. Ann Philbrick, labor	1 00
Paid Oct. 20. Henry Wilson, Insurance	3 75
	$164 40
	$218 70
	164 40
Balance on hand	$54 30

Perpetual Care

Balance from 1930 fund	$61 85
Drew from Trust Fund 1931	84 50
	$146 35
Paid for Labor	$40 00
Phone	25
Seed	3 75
Seed	3 75
Seed	3 75
Paid Eileen Newhall for loam and fertilizer	34 50

Trees and shrubs	8 65
Flowers for Stevens and Colby lots	2 25
Flowers for King and Holt lots	1 50
Flowers for Herrick lot	1 25
Flowers for Calvin Brown lot	1 00
Flowers for E. Veino lot	1 00
Flowers for Sarah Burtt lot	1 00
Flowers for Manahan	75
Flowers for Fleming	1 25
Flowers for Philbrick	1 50
Flowers for Whitney	1 25
Paid Walter Smith for labor	19 00
Paid Walter Smith for labor	2 00
	$128 40
Balance from 1930 fund	$61 85
Drew from trust fund, 1931	84 50
	$146 35
	$128 40
Balance on hand	$17 95

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

James M. George	$65 00
William Weston	12 00
Chas. H. Smith	7 50
Boston Regalia Co.	8 84
F. A. Knights	20 39
First National Stores	4 89
L. J. Parker	3 50
	$122 12

Appropriation	$150 00
	122 12
Balance	$27 88

LAWRENCE J. PARKER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND LIBRARIAN OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

For the Year Ending January 30, 1932

Books bought by Town	53
Worn books replaced	23
Magazines by Town—Geographic, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, American Boy.	
Books by Gifts	
Secretary of State	20
Stock Exchange	2
Irene Barnes, Michigan	1
Miss Mary Cuddenie	16
Miss Barbara Mallett	1
Mrs. Maurice Newton	1
Mrs. Philips, Published 1837	1
Miss Betty Shea	3
Miss Helen Varovouletos	6
Rev. John East	1
Mr. and Mrs. Jordon, Wakefield, Mass.	13
Arthur Pierce	13
George Tucker, New York	1
By Gift	1

Magazines

Mrs. Mary L. Knight, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Swift, Harry Dunbar, Jr., A. J. Pierce, C. H. Smith.

By Gifts

Mrs. Alman Flag, Pin Cushion Cactus, from Texas.

Mr. Gerrard, Crayon photograph of the late John D. Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Jordon, Wakefield, Mass., old coins and paper money. Arthur J. Pierce, enlarged picture of the old covered bridge below paper mill. Harry Dunbar, Beetles. Jenie Gilman, Butterflies. Donald Powers, Promethice Moth.

Cards issued	233
Visitors to the Library	48
Cash on hand, 1931	$2.09
From Fines	7.62
Expenses—Oil 30, Ink 10, Pencil .02	.42
Paid Henry W. Wilson	8.00
On hand	1.29

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA G. BARTLETT.
Librarian.

HENRY W. WILSON,
FRANK G. TRAXLER,
ALLAN GERRARD,
Trustees.

Treasurer's Report of G. E. P. Dodge Library

Cash on hand February 1, 1931	$244 09
Received Interest Butler Fund	46 41
Received from Town Treasurer	250 00
Received from Emma G. Bartlett, Librarian	8 00
	$548 50

Credit by Paying

Paid for wood	$32 00
Paid for Electric Lights	14 44
Paid for Magazines	31 00
Paid for Books	128 68
Paid for Labor and Material	30 96
Paid Emma Jones, Assistant Librarian	25 00
Paid Emma G. Bartlett, Librarian	100 00
Paid for hose	5 50
Paid H. W. Wilson, expense and cash paid out	8 15
Paid for Express	1 16
Cash on hand February 1, 1932	171 61
	$548 50

HENRY W. WILSON,
Treasurer.

Approved:

FRANK G. TRAXLER,
ALLAN GERRARD.

BENNINGTON WATER WORKS DEPT.

Collected on 1931 list		$1,442 06
Collected on 1931 list, by labor	$15 75	
Collected on 1930 list		
W. E. Keriazis, by labor	11 92	
		$27 67
		$1,426 89
Sold to Hillsboro Water Works		
2 shutoff keys		2 50
		$1,429 39
Paid to A. F. Bell, Town Treasurer		$1,429 39

UNCOLLECTED BILLS FOR 1931

J. B. Baldwin	$4 00	
Evon Day	2 50	
Paul Traxler	5 00	
Eunice Thurston	8 00	
Joe. Mallet	8 00	
Wm. Keriazis	2 85	
Kate Cashion	2 50	
F. J. Miles	4 00	
C. W. Durgin	11 50	
		$48 35

The Water rent collector will be at the Town Office, the first Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 P. M.

WALTER E. WILSON,
Superintendent.

During 1931, 1400 feet of new pipe line was laid up the Peterboro Road. Quite a few supplies have been bought, including a new tapping machine.

WALTER E. WILSON,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1930 to June 30, 1931

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers		
George E. Edwards, chairman	$25 00	
Sally C. Pierce	25 00	
Hattie A. Wilson	25 00	
Arthur F. Bell, clerk	5 00	
Margaret J. Taylor, treasurer	60 00	
		$140 00
2. Superintendent Excess Salary		
Lawton C. Chase	$170 00	$170 00
3. Truant Officer		
Freida Edwards	$ 7 00	$7 00
4. Expense of Administration	$73 62	$72 62
5. Teachers' Salaries		
Hazel Beard, high school	$1,500 00	
RuthPutnam, grammar	1,100 00	
Lulu M. Cilley, intermediate	1,100 00	
Mae Cashion, primary	1,100 00	
Annie L. Putnam, music	225 00	
		$4,925 00

6. Text Books		
High School	$141 55	
Elementary	211 50	
		$353 05
7. Supplies		
High School	$ 9 62	
Elementary	158 38	
		$168 00
8. Flags	none	
9. Other Expenses	$7 21	$7 21
Operation and Maintenance		
10. Janitors		
E. G. Stevens	$516 00	
Care of grounds, summer of 1930	15 60	
Cleaning Schoolhouse	15 00	
Helen Fournier, janitor	205 00	
Cleaning Schoolhouse	12 00	
		$763 60
11. Fuel for 2 years		
Monadnock Paper Mills	$648 80	$648 80
12. Electric Lights	$98 90	
Janitor supplies	13 10	
		$112 00
13. Minor Repairs		
High School	$28 99	
Elementary	36 26	
		$65 25
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities		
14. Dr. Tibbetts, medical inspection	$86 00	$86 00
15. Transportation of Pupils		
Nettie Sturtevent	$125 60	$125 60

16. Tuition		
Hillsboro High	$962 50	$962 50
17. Elementary Antrim	$192 00	$192 00
18. Other Special Activities	None	
19. Fixed charges, per capita tax	$230 00	$230 00
20. Insurances	None	
21. Fixing School ground		
Patrick J. Shea	8 10	
Joseph Diemond	8 10	
		$16 20
22. Alterations on buildings	None	
L. H. Shattuck Co., Fixing Septic tank	$299 56	$299 56
Total payments for all purposes		$9,345 39

GEORGE E. EDWARDS,
SALLY C. PIERCE,
HATTIE WILSON,
School Board.

EMMA A. JOSLIN,
CHARLES M. TAYLOR,
Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1931

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1930		$367 13
Received from Selectmen, for		
current year	$9,000 00	
Dog Tax	109 90	
Rebate of 2 bills	6 03	
		$9,115 93
Total Amount available for Fiscal Year		
Balance and Receipt		$9,483 06
Less School Orders		9,345 39
Balance on hand June 30, 1931		$137 67

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,
District Treasurer.

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Bennington of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931 and find them correct in all respects.

EMMA A. JOSLIN,
CHARLES M. TAYLOR,
Auditors.

July 13, 1931.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HEALTH SUPERVISION

G. D. TIBBETS, M.D., School Physician
M. E. HARRIS, R.N., School Nurse

Report of Examiner

Pierce School, April, 1931

Number of Pupils Examined: 86

	Number of pupils affected	Pupils reported to parents	Number defects corrected
Underweight (10%)	6	6	
Defective Vision	30	30	18
Defective Hearing	1	1	
Anaemia	19	19	1
Cardiac Disease	1	1	
Deformity (posture)	43	43	
Defective teeth	60	60	60
Diseased Tonsils	18	18	2
Defective Breathing	8	8	
Adenoids	12	12	2
Enlarged Glands	49	49	

Number vaccinated, 77; Unvaccinated, 9; Excused by board of health, 4.

Numerous calls were made to the homes to explain to the parents the need of having the defects of their children corrected. I wish to thank the children, parents, teachers and everyone who cooperated to make the dental and vision clinics a success; the response to both projects was very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. HARRIS,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Bennington School Board:

The five year survey has placed in your hands such information, in detail, as is customarily made use of by Boards of Education for determining policies and measuring results.

There has been a change in the position of Bennington in point of expenditure for equalized valuation which has elevated it from the 27th to the 52nd school district. Costs of administration, including all supervisory costs, have decreased from 8.03% in 1920 to 6.65% in 1931 or 1.38%. Of this decrease, 1.31% is due to supervisory lessened percentages, from 5.59% to 4.28%. The figures include the per capita tax.

Payment of tuitions in high schools has again reached nearly to the average level of the years 1922 through 1927. Only part of this increase can be explained by increased per pupil tuition costs. The presence of a two year high school in the town has apparently acted as a stimulus for high school attendance, and the number of tuition pupils in the third and fourth years of high schools is only one less than the total in a four year attendance in 1920.

The Board has been most liberal with the requests of the teachers for books during the past two years, increasing the expenditure from $110.35 in 1929 to $463.55 in 1930, and $353.05 in 1931. Supplies have increased in

total expenditure from $73.58 in 1928 to $168.00 in 1931. Again, the Board has shown marked liberality in treating teacher requests.

The superior building now housing the pupils has been treated with respect by the occupants, and superior janitor service is maintained. The playground adds health and zest to the school day as well as functioning as a safe and unusual play area at all times.

Bennington has frequently been referred to by competent authorities as maintaining a high grade city system in a small town. If the Board, after study of the survey, and observation of its schools, agrees with this comment, it can express appreciation to its teaching staff. The records of such teachers as have accepted offers from well known cities and towns, paying high salaries, is assurance that the Bennington system proves a valuable training ground. The faithful teachers, who for so long have worked in Bennington must not be forgotten. The foundation which has been laid in the lower grades is excellent.

It is conspicuous that the entire staff, for the last five years, not only eagerly took hold of an entirely new, but essential, diagnosis, remedial and measurement plan; but also continually strives to keep the plan efficiently alive.

The staff deserves, and has received, excellent support from the Board and the School District. In behalf of the teachers, supervision extends its thanks.

(Signed) LAWTON CHASE,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 6, 1932.

Statistical Summary

1930-31

1. Whole number different schools maintained full year 4.

2. Pupils not previously registered in any other school in the state during the year: Boys 46, Girls 36.

3. Half days schools were actually in session 355.8.

4. In half-days: (a) Aggregate attendance 28,045; (b) Aggregate absence 1,361.

5. Different pupils as reported in register summary: Under 5, 1; between 5 and 8, 16; between 8 and 14, 53; between 14 and 16, 12; between 16 and 21, 0; over 21, 0. Total 82.

6.

	Avg. Attendance	Absence	Membership
Grade I-VIII	68.66	3.63	72.29
Grades IX-XII	10.20	.19	10.39
Totals	78.86	3.82	82.68

Percent—95 3-10.

7. Pupils not absent nor tardy during year, 8; cases of tardiness, 58; number 8-14 not in any school, 0; non-resident pupils in elementary school, 1; in secondary schools; pupils transported at district expense, 2; pupils from district in elementary schools elsewhere whose tuition is paid by district, 3, in secondary school, 11.

8. School board meetings, 10; schools visits by board members, 11; by superintendent, 47; by citizens, 46.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1930-1931

HIGH SCHOOL

Florence I. Edwards

Louisa Gilman

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

James Clough

Joseph Diemond

Earle Sheldon

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Hattie Parker

Alfred Champney

Arthur Diemond

Gerald Call

SCHOOL BOARD

Budget for the Year 1932-1933

Salaries of Officers	$147 50
Salaries of Teachers	5,025 00
Salary of Janitor	700 00
Fuel	300 00
Scholars' Supplies	200 00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	183 78
Superintendent's Clerk	62 00
Per Capita Tax	220 00
Electric Lights	100 00
Transportation	396 00
Tuition	640 00
Elementary	512 00
Medical Inspection	100 00
Text Books	300 00
Other Expenses for Instruction	10 00
Expenses for Administration	50 00
Janitor's Supplies	45 00
Insurance	
Flags and Appurtenances	10 00
Nurse	125 00
Unseen Expenses	100 00
	$9,226 28

Current Costs Per Thousand Dollars of Equalized Valuation

Year	Elem.	High	Other	Total	Position	Decimal
1922-23	$4.07	$.96	$.39	$5.42	27-252	.107
1923-24	3.99	.86	.37	5.22	14-252	.055
1924-25	3.96	.90	.23	5.09	16-250	.064
1925-26	4.06	.64	.44	5.14	17-250	.068
1926-27	4.34	.89	.49	5.72	25-249	.100
1927-28	4.63	1.32	.53	6.48	33-244	.135
1928-29	4.28	1.30	.96	6.54	34-244	.139
1929-30	3.90	2.23	.55	6.68	40-244	.163
1930-31	4.81	2.20	.52	7.53	52-243	.214
Average	4.23	1.26	.50	6.09	29-247	.116

Interpretation

In the year 1922-23, Bennington expended for elementary schools $4.07 against $.96 for high school and $.39 for all other expenditures, making a total of $5.42; out of each $1,000.00 of equalized valuation.

That year there were 252 school districts and Bennington was 27th from the bottom of the list of school districts, arranged in ascending order of current costs per $1,000.00 of equalized valuation. Bennington was therefore .107 up the scale, or approximately 89% of the school districts of the state exceeded it in expenditure in accordance with local wealth.

The introduction of the local high school increased the cost only slightly and in 1929-1930 Bennington was 40th from the bottom of the list of 244 school districts and its costs were exceeded by approximately 84% of the school districts of the state in ratio of expenditure to local equalized valuation.

Teacher requests, for a larger basal working list and supplementary material, were granted in 1930-1931.

VITAL STATISTICS

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Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1931

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Liv'g or sb.	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
March 10	Infant	sb	F	2	Arthur Everhart	Isabel Stowell	Paper Mill	Bennington	Easton, Pa.	Antrim
March 25	Delbert M.	L	M	5	Leonard A. Sargent	Grace M. Cater	Machinist		Henniker	Gilmanton
April 29	Allie C.	L	M	10	Louis F. Champney	Laura Moore	Sawyer St. Mill		Sharon, Vt.	Louden
May 25	Tracy L., Jr.	L	M	1	Tracy L. Claflin	Doris M. Paquette	Paper Maker		Hancock, Vt.	Hancock
June 28	Maurice E., Jr.	L	M	1	Maurice E. Wilson	Isabel M. Dodge	Paper Maker		New Boston	Deering
July 14	Anastasia	L	F	1	Steve Yakovokis	Gresula Supekeotis	Barber		Greece	Greece
July 22	George D.	L	M	2	John P. Weston	Martha L. Hoitt	Poultry Husb'n		Somerville, Mass.	Durham
Aug. 29	Verna E.	L	F	2	Roy Davidson	Mary Harrison	Paper Mill		Iowa	Antrim
Sept. 18	Baby	sb	M	6	Paul G. Traxler	Dorothy M. Collins	Electrician		Bennington	Keene
Dec. 7	Gertrude J.	L	F	2	Theodore F. Call	Gertrude M. Cody	Paper Mill		Antrim	Bennington

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1931

Date and Place of marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age—years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
April 13 Hillsboro	Elmer J. Cody	Bennington	21	Paper Mak'r	Bennington	Patrick Cody	Bennington	Cutlery	Charles J. Leddy
						Mary J. Cashion	Greenfield	Housewife	Cath. Priest Hillsboro
	Dorothy I. Johnson	Hillsboro	17	At Home	Hillsboro	Harry Johnson	Hillsboro	Laborer	
						Josephine Gloddy	Lowell, Mass.	Housewife	
May 8 Bennington	Paul D. Brooks	Bennington	24	Operator	Antrim	Alonzo Brooks	Sheffield, Eng	Superinten't	John W. Logan
						Helen Fleming	Hancock	Housewife	Minister Bennington
	Janice Van Denburg	Worcester, Ms.	21	Grad. Nurse	No. Adams, Ms.	Edward E. Van Denburg	Watervaleet, NY	Tel. Op.	
October 6 Milford	Theodore Leo Jambard	Hollis	25	Ken'l Owner	Hollis	Damas L. Jambard	Nashua	Farmer	Henry E. Lennon
						Julia L. Boray	Rindge	Housewife	Cath. Priest Milford
	Adeline Mae Holt	Bennington	18	At Home	Bennington	Jerimiah M. Holt	Greenfield	Laborer	
						Goldie E. Wilbur	Surry	Housewife	
October 19 Hillsboro	John Joseph Barry	Peterboro	27	Laborer	Waterb'y, Conn.	John Barry	Ireland	Watchman	Charles J. Leddy
						Margaret Mahoney	Ireland	Housewife	Cath. Priest Hillsboro
	Anna Mitchell	Bennington	20	Paper Mak'r	Manchester	Ovide Mitchell	Manchester	Paper Mak'r	
						Jennie Boudreau	Canada	Housewife	
October 31 Hillsboro	Ernest O. Normandin	Deering	23	Paper Mak'r	Hillsboro	Emile Normandin	Canada	Paper Mak'r	Charles J. Leddy
						Sarah Murphy	Canada	Housewife	Cath. Priest Hillsboro
	Hazel B. Holt	Bennington	28	Paper Mak'r	Bennington	Jerimiah M. Holt	Greenfield	Laborer	
						Goldie E. Wilbur	Surry	Housewife	
November 28 Bennington	Robert R. Wilson	Bennington	44	Paper Mill	Greenfield	Elbridge Wilson	Greenfield	Farmer	John W. Logan
						Josephine A. Holt	Andover, Mass.	Housewife	Minister Bennington
	Annie L. Harrington	Bennington	36	Housekeep'r	Hancock	Edward Harrington	Hancock	Section H'd	
						Elizabeth Flagg	Groton, Mass.	Housekeep'r	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1931

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	S M W D	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days					Father	Mother		
*Jan. 6	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mary E. Foster	67				F	M	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Feb. 17	Bennington	Martha J. Bartlett	90	10	6	Antrim	F	W	At Home	Greenfield	Hancock	Amos Gould	Harriet Harris
Mar. 10	Antrim	Infant Everhart	0	0	0	Antrim	F	S	None	Easton, Pa	Antrim	Arthur Everhart	Isabel Stowell
Apr. 13	Bennington	John R. Saunders	79	10	23	Nova Scotia	M	M	Carpenter	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Charles Saunders	Elizabeth Durgin
*Apr. 13	Grasmere	Elizabeth Piper	84	4	5	Canada	F	W	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Abraham Levesque	Ida Deslaurier
May 4	Bennington	George L. Newhall	69	11	1	Lowell, Mass.	M	M	Farmer	Lancaster	Tyngsb'o, Ms.	Lawrence Newhall	Sarah Wyman
May 7	Bennington	Francis P. McGrath	17	3	6	Bennington	M	S	None	Ireland	Ireland	Patrick McGrath	Ellen Cody
*May 31	Spray, N. C.	Kate Truman	69	8	27	Greenfield	F	W	Domestic	New Hamp.	Vermont	John Cooper	Lydia Colton
July 7	Bennington	Charles F. Burnham	72	5	22	Lyndeboro	M	W	Retired	Greenfield	Lyndeboro	John W. Burnham	Ruth H. Gage
Aug. 10	Bennington	Robert Rogerson	55			Ireland	M	S	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland	John Rogerson	Mary Gallor
Aug. 15	Bennington	Carnig Eksergian	72			Turkey	M	W	Artist	Turkey	Turkey	Unknown	Unknown
Sept. 18	Peterboro	Baby Traxler	0	0	0	Peterboro	M	S	None	Bennington	Keene	Paul G. Traxler	Dorothy M. Collins
*Oct. 30	Concord	Mary L. W. Carkin	76	10	5	Exeter	F	W	None	Unknown	Unknown	Weeks	Unknown
Nov. 19	Bennington	James R. Ross	79	5	18	Deering	M	S	Retired	Deering	Deering	George W. Ross	Elmira Phelps
*Dec. 11	Goffstown	George Dorr	82			Canada	M	M	None	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
*Dec. 23	Lowell, Mass.	Rose C. Work	67	10	25		F	W	None	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
*Dec. 26	Grasmere	Ellen White	74	3	19		F	W	None	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

*Brought here for burial

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHARLES H. SMITH, Town Clerk

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